

**Subject** Transit operator third-party testing

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## Summary

This bill authorizes a transit agency that is designated as a third-party testing program to administer the road test for a commercial driver's license or endorsement to transit drivers employed by other transit agencies. It also makes technical and conforming changes. It is effective the day following enactment.

**Background.** Third-party testing authorizes entities other than employees of the Department of Public Safety to administer the road test for a commercial driver's license or endorsement. It is regulated by the Department of Public Safety through administrative rules. The rules limit the testing to employees or driver education students of the entity authorized to administer the road tests. Minn. Rules, part 7410.6100.

Legislation in 2019 broadened authority for school districts and school bus contractors that are designated as third-party testing programs, so that they can enter into an agreement with another school district or school bus contractor to administer testing of that entity's employees. The bill creates parallel authority for transit operators who are designated as a third-party testing program, so that road tests can also be administered to employees of other transit operators under a contract.